

# THE CUP



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CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*'Join us for a drink of Living Water'*

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**From the Pastor's Desk...**

**SUMMER 2024**

Dear Cup family and friends,

Mark Twain writes, "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." The month of June is always a month of transition. Students graduate, and weather moves from the rainy spring into the (hopefully) sun of summertime. Here at Cup EPC, we have many transitions going on. For two of our students, they get to walk across the stage and get their high school diploma. Congratulations Mags and Matt!

For the church as a whole, the transitional process has since moved from the analysis and visioning of last year into the start of the pastoral search committee and the committee's first interviews. Throughout all of this, God is sovereignly working through the process. God already knows whom he has for Cup. However, God rarely simply gives us the answer. Instead, our God is a relational God. God works through the process for the more important work of making disciples.

As our search committee process moves forward, so does our vision work as a church. Over the past year, we've focused on how we as a church fulfill the Great Commission. We've looked at our small group set up and how we feel connected as a congregation. We have worked on our outreach and evangelism. This summer we're moving forward with our next steps for our goal of an evangelistic culture. This included our 24/7 prayer time on May 17-19. Moving forward, we will also be looking at ways to connect with unbelievers and to share stories of evangelistic obedience.

Mark Twain would say that the two most important days in one's life are when you are born and when you know why. I believe that Jesus would say that the two most important days are the day you are born and the day you profess your faith in him. To be on mission as a congregation means to be having gospel conversations with those who are far from Christ. Therefore, how will you share your faith today?

Blessings,  
Pastor Marc

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May 22nd the Blackhawk High School sponsored their 51st Baccalaureate Service. CUP Church was honored to be represented with Pastor Marc doing the Call to Worship and several youth on the Praise Team. Mrs. Joel was instrumental in planning the event. We had two of our Youth participate in the service. It was a special time shared in worship and encouragement.



### **TRUSTEES COMMUNITY YARD SALE FUNDRAISER**

The TRUSTEES will be hosting a monthly Community Yard sale in the church parking lot.

Open to all members of CUP and the Surrounding Community.

Come sell your "treasures".

Spaces are \$10 for a parking space size

Tables can be rented for \$10 a piece up to 2 tables until sold out

Youth Group will be in the pavilion selling Water and Snacks to help fund their upcoming 2025 Mission Trip

Please contact the office to reserve your space or see the sign up sheet in the hallway.



Dates are as follows: (set up begins at 6am)

June 7th 7am-3pm

July 19th 7am-3pm

August 2nd 7am-3pm



The Annual Church Picnic will be held in August 2024! Interested in helping us plan? Sign up in the entryway!



**Do you have a hidden talent?**

Maybe you can play the guitar, piano or even the bass?

We are looking for members to be a part of the Sunday Praise Team. We are not seeking weekly commitment but are looking for people who can commit a week or two. Is that you?? If so see Joel Cunniff for more information.



## Summer Calendar

June 4	5:30p Worship Committee 6:30p DEACONS 8:30p TRUSTEES
June 7	7:00a TRUSTEES Yard Sale
June 9	7:00p Crosscurrent Bonfire
June 10-14	10:00a Tiger Pause Day Camp
June 12	1:00p Game Day Lunch @GVI
June 19	Youth at Beaver Falls Soup Kitchen
June 24-28	VBS Hometown Nazareth
June 25	7:00p SESSION
June 30	6:00p VBS All Church Dinner
July 4	Happy 4th of July
July 10	1:00p Game Day Lunch @GVI Youth at Beaver Falls Soup Kitchen
July 13	Chippewa Community Days
July 17	Chippewa Fireman's Parade
July 19	6:00a TRUSTEES Yard Sale
Aug 2	6:00a TRUSTEES Yard Sale
Aug 6	5:30p Worship Committee 6:30p DEACONS 8:30p TRUSTEES
Aug 7	Youth at Beaver Falls Soup Kitchen
Aug 11-12	Crosscurrent Lock Out
Aug 14	1:00p Game Day Lunch @GVI
Aug 20	7:00p SESSION
Aug 21	Blackhawk returns to school

*Pastor Marc will be out of the office on study leave  
June 10-16 and away at General Assembly June 17-22.*

*Mrs. Joel will be out of the office on vacation from July 21  
through August 3rd.*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24th—June 28th

9am—12pm

PreK—5th Grade Graduates

Register online at  
[www.cupepc.org](http://www.cupepc.org)

There will be an ALL CHURCH  
Dinner and Dessert Potluck on  
Friday, June 28th at 6:00p. Dinner  
is provided, please bring a dessert  
to share.

Helpers are needed!! Please see  
Joel if interested.



## CUP Library News

**Paula Keefer-Herter, Librarian**

**I am excited and happy to tell you that our church library has recently been given another Sight and Sound Theatre DVD (in addition to the 8 we previously had on our shelves).**

**The new production is “David” and it is on the shelf ready for checkout! The music, costuming and sets are spectacular as some of you who attended our Thirsty Thursday evenings at the church last summer can attest. They truly make the Bible come to life and now they can be checked out for personal and family viewing at home! Thank you to John and Sylvia Myers for this generous donation.**

**These and many others book and video selections for all ages are available to anyone interested in checking them out. Our library is open to you anytime the church doors are open (unless a meeting is scheduled for the room). If you are interested just remove the card from the back pocket, sign your name and place in the small basket next to the card files on the table against the left wall. Enjoy!**



## Honoring our High School Grads

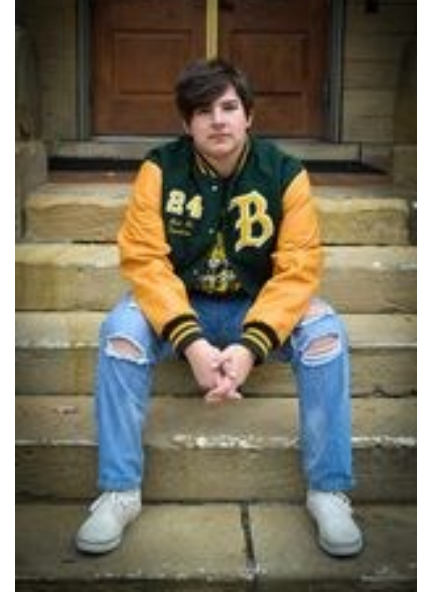


**BLACKHAWK HIGH SCHOOL**

**BEAVER COUNTY CTC**



**MATTHEW MCCANDLESS** is a 2024 graduate of Blackhawk High School and the Beaver County Career and Technology Center. During his time at Blackhawk, he participated in the Marching Band for five years (playing Trombone and as a member of the Color Guard), Concert Band for two years and with the Winterguard for three years. He participated in Concert Choir for four years and Show Choir for two years. Matt participated in the High School Musicals at Blackhawk three years, landing the lead as “Mr. George Banks” his senior year in Mary Poppins. While at the BCCTC, he took Veterinary Assistant Classes and was a member of the Skills USA team. Matthew will be volunteering at the Beaver County Humane Society this summer. In the Fall, he plans to attend to attend CCBC full-time to pursue a Veterinary Technician certificate. He hopes to specialize in Avian and Exotic Animals.



**BLACKHAWK HIGH SCHOOL**



**MAGS O’ROARK** is a 2024 graduate of Blackhawk High School. During her time at Blackhawk, she participated in the Marching Band for four years and was a member of the student leadership team as the section leader of front ensemble. She also participated in the Concert & Jazz Bands and Concert Choir for four years and was a member of the Show Choir. Mags is not only a talented musician, but a talented artist as well, being inducted into both the Tri-M Music Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. She participated in many musicals at Blackhawk, landing lead roles as “Plankton” in Spongebob the Musical her Junior year and “Miss Andrews” in Mary Poppins her Senior Year. Mags excelled at academics as well, graduating with High Honors from Blackhawk and was inducted into the National Honor Society. She received a Senior Class Scholarship in the category of creativity as voted on by her peers and the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. Mags will be attending Huntington University in the Fall to major in Computer Animation.



# Honoring our College Grads

## EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**KATHRYN SCHOTSCH** is a 2024 graduate of Eastern Gateway Community College with an associates degree in Fire Science and Firefighting. She is currently employed at Medic Rescue in Bridgewater.

## ERSKINE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY




**MARC SHEFELTON** is a 2024 graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry (concentration in Church Vitality)




## TRINITY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY



**WADE RIDER** is a September 2023 graduate of Trinity School for Ministry with a Master of Divinity. He is currently working towards his ordination.



The CUP Church Outreach Team had the wonderful opportunity to participate in Blackhawk High School's Senior Parade Night. Our volunteers handed out free hot dogs, chips and water to the Seniors and their family members after the parade. It was a lovely evening of fun, music, food and encouragement. We even got to cheer on some of our own!

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS**

**Thirsty Thursdays will be returning this summer! Watch for a start date in the announcements coming soon!**





Let the SUN Shine!!!!

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” John 15:4

Adventure awaits as we enter into Summer and see the many opportunities God has for us to seek his Lost!

**Crosscurrent Youth Group** has been busy the past few months. We were able to cheer on many youth as they shared their talents on and behind the stage. We had a great GROW move up weekend where we welcomed in 3 new faces to the Youth Group. We are so excited to see what God has planned for us in the coming year! Youth Sunday also was amazing! Be sure to join us this summer as we help down at the Beaver Falls soup kitchen once a month and also keep an eye out for pop up events this summer!!!

We would also like to acknowledge our graduating Seniors. Matthew McCandless and Mags O’Roark. We are so very proud of all you have accomplished and are so excited for your next chapter. We pray you continue to walk with God as you enter into adulthood and know he will never leave your side! Many blessings and congratulations to you both!

**SHINE** ended with a fun musical of “O Chicken of little faith” we had 2 showings and had over 150 people walk through the doors to support the SHINE kids! It was a wonderful semester filled with many new faces and lots of excitement for the future!

**Kids Night Out** ended with a summer fun time out in the nice sunny weather! We had a great semester learning and growing together as a group! We plan to kick off in October with some more fun Friday Nights! Be sure to keep an eye out for when we kick off all welcome PreK-6th grade!

As always I ask you to please keep all the children and youth in our community and beyond in prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

*Joel Cunniff*

Director of Children and Youth Ministries

